

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS:

Please amend the specification as indicated:

Please replace paragraph [0002] of the original specification with the following amended paragraph:

[0002] A network may be characterized by several factors, such as ~~like~~ who can use the network, the type of traffic the network carries, the medium carrying the traffic, the typical nature of the network's connections, and the transmission ~~ies, the med~~ technology the network uses. For example, one network may be public and carry circuit switched voice traffic while another may be private and carry packet switched data traffic. Whatever the make-up, most networks facilitate the communication of information between at least two nodes, and as such act as communication networks.